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1. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS A REFERENCE BY THE PRESIDENT TO PRESERVATION OF THE CANAL WATERSHED DURING HIS VISIT TO PANAMA (NOT THE ZONE). WHILE WE HAVE NOT TRIED TO POLISH UP ANY LANGUAGE, SOMETHING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE:

2. "ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE WILL BE FACING IN THE YEARS AHEAD INVOLVES THE CORRECTION OF MAN'S ABUSE OF HIS ENVIRONMENT. IF THE CANAL IS TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE AT MAXIMUM CAPACITY -- INDEED, IF PANAMA IS TO CONTINUE TO BE THE LOVELY COUNTRY THAT IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN -- WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO STOP THE DEVASTATION OF THE FORESTS OF THE CANAL'S WATERSHED. IN FACT, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US GO BEYOND THIS AND INITIATE A PROGRAM OF REBUILDING THE COUNTRY'S FORESTS. CLEARLY, PANAMA WILL HAVE THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THIS AND OTHER WATERSHEDS IN PANAMA. BUT THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THIS ESSENTIAL GOAL. THIS COOPERATION IS ALREADY

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UNDERWAY. PANAMANIAN EXPERTS ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ARE WORKING WITH A.I.D. SPECIALISTS TO STRENGTHEN PANAMA'S CAPACITY IN THIS VITAL AREA."

3. WE WILL BE RAISING WITH THE GOVERNMENT THE POSSIBILITY OF GENERAL TORRIJOS INCLUDING IN HIS REMARKS AN APPROPRIATE ECHO TO SUCH A STATEMENT, IF PRESIDENT

CARTER SHOULD DECIDE TO INCLUDE IT. JORDEN

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